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## US threatens Syria over 'obscene' chemical strike

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Washington warned Syria yesterday it would face action over the "moral obscenity" of a chemical weapons attack, as UN inspectors braved sniper fire to gather evidence about the incident.

Speaking amid reports that Washington and its allies are preparing to launch a punitive cruise missile strike on Syrian targets, US Secretary of State John Kerry accused Bashar al-Assad's regime of engaging in a cover-up.

"Let me be clear. The indiscriminate slaughter of civilians, the killing of women and children and innocent bystanders by chemical weapons is a moral obscenity," Kerry declared in a televised statement.

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The team won the first place, not only surpassing a number of veteran golfers and pros, but setting a new tournament record that will be very difficult to beat; a score of 175, with 38 under par.

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## Women to make an impact in Aruban Politics

Last Friday the first meeting with all female candidates on all the political party lists took place. This was the very first such meeting to be held on Aruba.

Women for Women Supporting Women in Politics is an event that will take place on Friday, September 13 at the Renaissance Convention Center from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

The program will open with a presentation by former Prime Minister of the Antilles, Mrs. Emily de Jong-Elhage. de Jong-Elhage will share her experience and message for all female political candidates.

There are 31 female candidates on 6 political lists. Each woman will be given an opportunity to share their plan and what is the important aspect of their reason for being on a political party list. They will share what they intend to contribute to women in the event they are elected to represent the people in parliament or as a Minister in government.

This initiative came from a group of female business owners who joined together under the organization, Women in Business. The objective is to make women aware of their right to vote and to make good use of that right.

There are challenges for women and the goal of the event is to identify what these challenges are and to here from these female representatives what they intend to do regarding these challenges in the event they are elected to serve the community.

To register for this event go to [www.womeninbusiness-aruba.com](http://www.womeninbusiness-aruba.com) and like their Face book page at [www.fb.com/womenforwomen-ara](http://www.fb.com/womenforwomen-ara) to remain well informed.



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# Young Arubans make golf history at the Aruba International PRO/AM 2013



**First Place Pro Jose Montero**

In the nearly 20-year history of the Aruba International PRO/AM Golf Tournament, conducted at its traditional home, the Tierra Del Sol Golf Course and Country Club, there have been some emotional and involving moments for the participants and their families.

The TDS Golf Pro who now organizes the event, Adam Williamson, can attest to this. Prior to taking on the organization of the event, he was a competitor, and for two years in a row, he won the "Low Pro" trophy. One year it was on the eve of his wedding,



**Closest to the Pin  
Day 2 Ricardo  
Sucre**

the very next year he had to rush from the greens to attend to the birth of his first child. This is an example of the nature of this favorite golf tournament among the players, who



**Second Place Pro  
Francisco Nieves**

have been traveling to Aruba from the U.S., Latin America, the Caribbean and Holland, since its inception. The event continues to grow and this year 125 golfers from ten countries competed for trophies and fabulous prizes.

The first to come to the dais to claim their winnings were individuals who won Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive contests. Prizes were provided by Diamonds International, including some stunning logo gear from Hublot and Breitling watchmakers. Closest to the Pin winners were Carla Schipper on Day 1 and Ricardo Sucre on Day 2. Dan Vos won Longest Drive on Day 1 and Curacao's Minister of Economic Development, Stanley Palm claimed the Breitling jacket for the Day 2 Longest Drive.

The Aruba International PRO/AM teams consist of four qualifying players with noted golf pros as their mentors. This year, the competition among the pros was dominated by the Venezuelan golfers. Jose Mon-



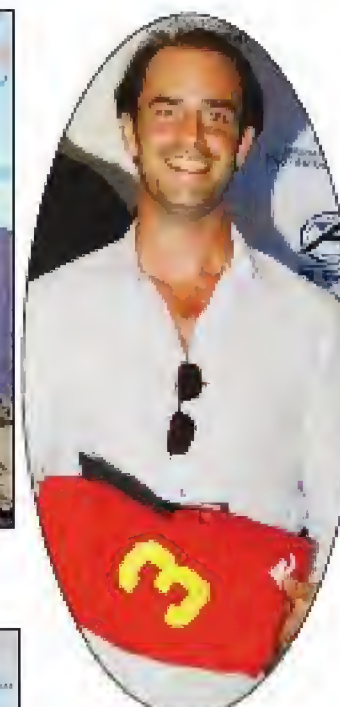
**Second Place Team from Venezuela with  
Pro Jesus Ortega**



**Third Place team with pro Jose Montero**

tero of Venezuela jumped from second place last year to take home the "Low Pro" title 2013 with five under par. His compatriots, Francisco Nieves and Jesus Ortega both came in at four under par to take second place and third place, respectively.

Jose Montero and his team from Venezuela gave up the



**Longest Drive  
Day 1 Daan Vos**

two year run they held as tournament champions with a final score of 182, which is 31 under par, to win the third place trophies. Jesus and his team hit 177, for 36 under par and second place.

It was with great pride that Adam Williamson announced the first place winners of this year's event. "A new tournament record has been set by the first place team with a score of 175," he told the gathering at the final gala dinner in the Ventanas Del Mar Restaurant at the club. "In the 19 year history of



**A Breitling Jacket for Longest  
Drive winner Curacao Minis-  
ter of Economics Stanley  
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the Aruba PRO/AM, no team has come in 38 under par, and this is by four golfers who weren't even born when the tournament first took place." Aruba's team of "junior" golfers, Maurice De Lisle, Vijay Luidens, Liam van Ramshorst, and Matthew Brinkman, ranging in ages from 12 years-old to 19, mentored by Pro Abiel Ortiz, claimed the cup, not only surpassing a number of veteran golfers and pros, but setting a new tournament record that will be very difficult to beat.

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**Aruban team with proud parents and coach Adam Williamson**



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and Italy ends up in Dutch furnaces every year and insiders expect the market to double in the coming years

## Port fee charges for yachts using the Oranjestad and Barcadera ports to be removed

ORANJESTAD—As per September 1st, 2013 Aruba Ports Authority (APA) NV will eliminate the "Port fee" charged to local and international yachts and sailboats using our ports of Oranjestad and Barcadera for clearance with Customs and Immigration.

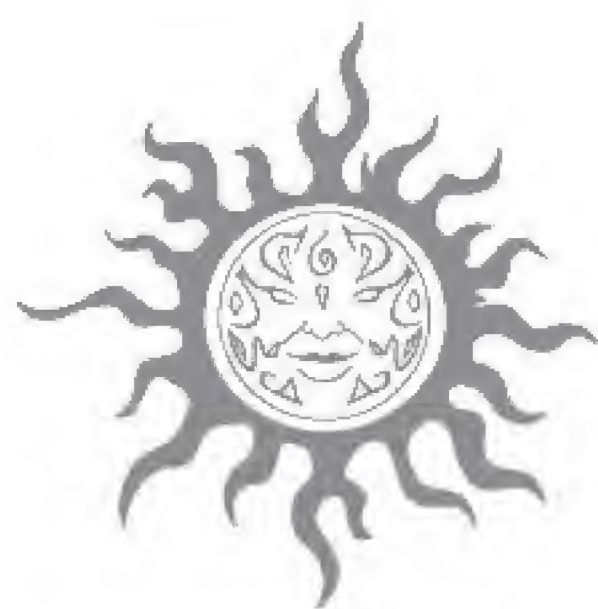
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## Dutch Antilles Express now banned from Curaçao; ATRs grounded



Dutch Antilles Express (9H, Curacao) has reportedly been put out of business after the operator at Curacao airport, Curaçao Airport Partners (CAP), banned the airline from operating there with effect from August 24. Local paper, Antilliaans Dagblad, claims the CAP made the move as a result of outstanding debts. The development is the latest in a series of events that has hit the airline's operations hard. Recently, flights to Bonaire were suspended while DAE's turboprop fleet - two ATR72-200s and an ATR 42-300 - was grounded for undisclosed reasons.



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by (steel pan) music and was in love with the sound from a young age, his mother Gloria Connor the great arranger of the famous invaders steel band gave him a saxophone that's still at his side but his steel pans have always had priority in any form of music.

Together with his also talented brother Lee they brought a new trade wind to steel pan music, arrangements and performing. As a steel pan performer/label owner he's always looking for the next step to add to his virtuosity groovy sounds, and expand his musical journey beyond the horizon.

The all-star band will be performing at Palm Beach Plaza Mall.

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## Young Arubans make golf history...

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As coach of Aruba's youthful team, Williamson was particularly pleased to see his young students perform so well; it was a startling victory that bodes well for Aruban athletes on the amateur and pro golf circuit in the years to come.

Veterans of the Aruba International PRO/AM had only praise for the course, the congenial company, and the fabulous dinners provided by the club's culinary staff. Organizers of the event expressed their gratitude to main sponsors Aruba Tourism Authority and Tierra Del Sol, along with ASAP Services, AHEAD Headgear, Maggy's Beauty Emporium, Baccarat Fine Crystal, Interport Logistics, Tropical Bottling and The Casino at the Radisson Aruba Resort, for making the event possible.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Colombian police arrest head of drug trafficking gang

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombian police arrested the head of a drug trafficking gang who is wanted for extradition by the US, officials said yesterday.

Rafael Alvarez, known as "Chepe," leader of the "Los Urabenos" criminal group, was arrested over the weekend by elite commandos at a farm in the northwest town of Caceres, according to a police statement.

An agent who participated in the capture told the newspaper El Tiempo that "Chepe" was seriously wounded during the operation and is hospitalized. Ten of his men were also arrested.

The police report said Al-

varez was the leader of the Los Urabenos "criminal structure" in the northwest department of Antioquia, where it engages in drug trafficking and extortion.

It also pegged him as the instigator of a wave of violence that erupted in municipalities across Antioquia and Cordoba departments in a battle over drug trafficking routes with the Los Rastrojos gang.

The United States is seeking Alvarez's extradition to face US cocaine smuggling charges, and Colombia had issued two warrants for his arrest for conspiring to participate in criminal activity and drug trafficking.

### Russian warship in Venezuela on friendly mission



Russia's Moskva Missile Cruiser

CARACAS (AFP) - A Russian navy fleet led by the "Moskva" missile cruiser docked yesterday in Venezuela as part of a friendly visit to various Latin American countries, the Venezuelan military said.

More than 500 Russian sailors arrived at the La Guaira port where they were greeted with a 21-gun salute by the high command of armed forces and Venezuelan marines.

The ship, which has also stopped in Cuba and Nicaragua, is accompanied by three

other Russian anti-submarine vessels.

The "Moskva" is 185 meters (600 feet) long, equipped with radar and "all types of weapons," including rockets with a 600-kilometer (370-mile) range and mobile guns capable of repelling threats from a radius of 60 kilometers, according to captain and official translator Sergei Ivanovich.

The ship, whose name is Russian for Moscow, left home on June 6.

## US threatens Syria over chemical strike

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"By any standard it is inexcusable, and despite the excuses and equivocations that some have manufactured, it is undeniable."

Kerry said Washington would provide more evidence of who was behind the attack, and that US President Barack Obama was determined that the guilty would face consequences.

"We have additional information about this attack, and that information is being compiled and reviewed together with our partners, and we will provide that information in the days ahead," he warned.

"Make no mistake. President Obama believes there must be accountability for those who would use the world's most heinous weapons against the world's most vulnerable people. Nothing today is more serious."

Kerry was speaking as United Nations inspectors met survivors of last week's attack, which the independent medical agency Doctors Without Borders has said left at least 355 people dead from "neurotoxic symptoms."

The UN convoy came under sniper fire as it tried to approach the Damascus suburb where the attack was reported, but the team nevertheless managed to visit victims receiving treatment in two nearby hospitals.

"It was a very productive

day," UN spokesman Farhan Haq told reporters, adding that the team, led by Swedish expert Ake Sellstrom, is "already gathering valuable evidence."

UN leader Ban Ki-moon said that despite the "very dangerous circumstances" the investigators "visited two hospitals, they interviewed witnesses, survivors and doctors. They also collected some samples."

The UN team was in a buffer zone between government and opposition-held areas when it came under attack.

Ban said the United Nations had made a "strong complaint" to the Syrian government and opposition forces. The rebels and Assad's government traded blame for the sniper assault just as they did the chemical attack.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia -- a staunch Assad ally that provides the regime with diplomatic cover by blocking UN Security Council action -- remained unimpressed by the mounting evidence of an atrocity.

Putin yesterday told British Prime Minister David Cameron there was no proof Damascus had used chemical weapons, according to Cameron's office, which has said it has "little doubt" that there had been an attack.

Cameron cut short his holiday yesterday to return to

London to plan a response. Britain, along with France, has been in the forefront of demands for tougher action against Assad's regime.

The Syrian opposition says more than 1,300 people died when toxic gases were unleashed on Eastern Ghouta and Moadamiyet al-Sham.

In Moadamiyet al-Sham, the UN team took samples and interviewed medical staff before returning to their hotel in Damascus.

Syria approved the UN inspection on Sunday but US officials said it was too little, too late, arguing that persistent shelling had "corrupted" the site.

The inspection came as the West appeared to be moving closer to launching a military response, after officials confirmed the US Navy has four warships armed with cruise missiles on standby in the eastern Mediterranean.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov meanwhile warned of the "extremely dangerous consequences of a possible new military intervention" and said intervening without a UN Security Council resolution would be illegal.

Experts believe the most likely US action would see sea-launched cruise missiles target Syrian military installations and artillery batteries deemed complicit in the chemical weapons attack.

## Thirteen dead in Mexico mudslides

VERACRUZ (AFP) - Mudslides crashed through several homes in eastern Mexico yesterday, killing at least 13 people after a tropical storm pelted the state of Veracruz with heavy rains, officials said.

The storm named Fernand weakened to a tropical depression after making landfall just before midnight, unleashing a deluge that flooded streets, homes and businesses in some towns and caused rivers to overflow.

Governor Javier Duarte, who had ordered the closure of schools before the storm came ashore, urged residents to heed any calls for evacuations and said the authorities remained on high alert.

The storm triggered 16 mudslides, while storm-related damage was reported in 22 municipalities, affecting more than 450 homes, said state civil protection director Noemi Guzman Lagunes.

More than 400 people were housed in 10 temporary shelters, she said.

Authorities urged people



AFP photo shows State Police officers recovering the corpses of at least two people who died after a landslide caused by tropical storm Fernand swept their homes in Tuxpan, Veracruz.

who live near rivers to move to shelters as a precaution.

Duarte said Fernand was "atypical" because of how quickly it morphed into a tropical storm over the Gulf of Mexico late Sunday before making landfall.

As of 1500 GMT, weather forecasters were reporting winds of 55 kilometers (35

miles) per hour. The tropical depression later moved over the central state of Hidalgo.

Although the center of Fernand was no longer in the state, Duarte said the "emergency continues" because "our experience shows us that this type of weather phenomenon makes an impact with the amount of rain that it brings."



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## Indian officials promise swift justice in gang-rape case

MUMBAI (AFP) - Indian officials on Monday promised swift justice over the gang-rape of a young photographer in Mumbai, as the final suspect appeared in court over the attack that sparked angry protests.

Five men have been arrested on suspicion of raping the 23-year-old woman in central Mumbai on Thursday when she was on assignment for a magazine with a male colleague.

The attack reignited widespread anger at the treatment of women in India that first erupted in December after the fatal gang-rape of a 23-year-old student on a bus in New Delhi.

The chief minister of Maharashtra state, Prithviraj Chavan, has also promised a fast-track case "to ensure speedy justice to the victim".

The final suspect was ar-

rested on Sunday in New Delhi by Mumbai police, over the brutal attack in which the woman's male colleague was allegedly tied up with a belt and the woman raped repeatedly nearby.

The four alleged accomplices were earlier arrested in Mumbai.

Relatives of two of the accused told media they are juveniles but Singh insisted they were all unemployed adults and school drop-outs who were born and grew up in the city.

A court remand sheet shows the men are aged 18 to 27.

Singh said three suspects had criminal records for theft but police did not yet have evidence of any previous rape accusations against them.

He called on women to report sex crimes against them, "otherwise the molesters of today will become rapists".



**BRASÍLIA (AFP)** - A Brazilian diplomat revealed Monday that he helped a Bolivian opposition senator escape to Brazil after 15 months asylum in Brasilia's embassy in La Paz. Senator Roger Pinto, an opponent of Bolivian President Evo Morales, made his escape Friday in an embassy car escorted by Brazilian marines, driving 22 hours to the southwestern Brazilian city of Corumbá, 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) from La Paz. The diplomat said he took the personal decision to help Pinto escape "because there was an imminent threat to the life and dignity of the senator." In La Paz, Bolivian Foreign Minister David Choquehuanca expressed "profound concern over the transgression of the principle of reciprocity and international courtesy." Pinto is viewed in Bolivia as a fugitive from justice after he was accused of various crimes of corruption, for which he was sentenced to a year in prison. He sought refuge at the Brazilian embassy last year, claiming to be a victim of political persecution after he denounced alleged cases of corruption and alleged links between authorities and drug traffickers. His case strained relations between La Paz and Brasilia.

## International News

### Syrian bishop warns intervention could spark 'world war'

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - A Syrian Chaldean Catholic bishop on Monday warned that an armed intervention in Syria could unleash a "world war", while the Vatican's official newspaper called for more "prudence" from Western powers.

"If there is an armed intervention, that would mean, I believe, a world war. That risk has returned," Monsignor Antoine Audo of Aleppo told Vatican radio.

"We hope that the pope's call

for real dialogue between the warring parties to find a solution can be a first step to stop the fighting," he said.

Audo is also the head of the Syrian arm of the international Catholic charity Caritas and has repeatedly warned about the human cost of the war.

The Vatican daily, L'Osservatore Romano, meanwhile criticised Western powers in an editorial.

"The drumbeat of an armed intervention by Western pow-

ers is becoming ever more insistent and ever less restrained by prudence," it said.

"Several representatives of these countries say they are convinced that the accusation that the Syrian army used chemical weapons is founded - a question which the United Nations is investigating," he said.

Pope Francis on Sunday called for the international community to help find a solution to the civil war.

### Greenpeace ship says leaving Arctic after Russia threatens force

MOSCOW (AFP) - A Greenpeace icebreaker protesting oil prospecting in the Arctic said it would leave after Russia threatened to use force against the Dutch-flagged vessel including firing on it, the group said Monday.

The Arctic Sunrise entered the Northern Sea Route without permission on Saturday to call attention to plans by Russian top oil firm Rosneft and its

US partner ExxonMobil to drill in a remote natural reserve.

The ship approached the site of the planned protest in the Kara Sea unhindered but on Sunday the Russian coast guard inspected the vessel "without permission" and asked the ship to leave the area, the group said.

The environmental group said it would leave to avoid any risk to the crew but would call

on the Dutch government "to consider a legal complaint against Russia's violation of international law of the sea and freedom of expression."

The Netherlands said Sunday that Greenpeace's right to peaceful protest was "indisputable."

Greenpeace said the plans to drill in the Russian Arctic National Park were in contravention of Russia's own laws.

### Donald Trump blazes over 'bogus university' lawsuit

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - American real-estate tycoon Donald Trump on Monday hit out at New York's top prosecutor who filed a lawsuit against him for running a sham university, calling him a "political hack".

On Twitter and in a series of blazing television interviews, Trump called New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman "a total sleazebag", "very stupid and ineffective" and "a total failure in office."

Schneiderman announced on Sunday he was suing the star of 'The Apprentice' television show for swindling people into paying hefty fees at his Trump University to get rich by learning his investing techniques.

"More than 5,000 people across the country who paid Donald Trump \$40 million to teach them his hard sell tactics got a hard lesson in bait-and-switch," Schneiderman said in a statement.

"Mr. Trump used his celebrity status and personally appeared in commercials making false promises to convince people to spend tens of thousands of dollars they couldn't afford for lessons they never got."

The billionaire magnate went on the offensive Monday,

accusing Schneiderman of soliciting him for campaign funds and seeking publicity.

"During the investigation, he was asking people in my firm, including one of my lawyers, for campaign contributions," Trump told the Today show.

Schneiderman accused Trump of running false advertisements that consumers would "learn from my hand-picked expert" and "just copy

exactly what I've done and get rich."

Trump University, which opened in 2005, was also unlicensed to operate in the state of New York, according to Schneiderman.

Students signed up for a \$1,495 three-day seminar during which they were promised they would learn everything they needed to know to become successful real estate investors.







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## Health & Living

### Adultery website shines spotlight on Hong Kong marriages

HONG KONG (AFP) - The founder of a dating service promoting adultery is setting his sights on China's cheating hearts after a controversial launch in Hong Kong.

With its slogan "Life is short. Have an affair", the website boasts more than 20 million users in more than 15 countries.

It has been expanding aggressively, adding Japan and India last year. On Friday it launched in Hong Kong, where religious and family planning groups have come together to criticise its message.

Biderman said he nevertheless expected his service to be "wildly popular" in the southern Chinese city, noting that the website received around

320,000 Hong Kong hits in the past year without spending anything on marketing.

Government data show 30 out of 100 married couples filed for a divorce in 2011, twice as many as in 1991. The number of divorce cases hit a record high of 21,125 in 2012.

Hong Kong is "in transition when it comes to relationships and marriage and that can lead to an interesting environment," said Biderman.

"When we put ourselves into that mix, we can do extremely well."

User "mamama222" was one of the first in Hong Kong to sign up. "I'm looking for various men to fulfil what my husband can't," she said on her profile.

In catering to such motivations, Ashley Madison has attracted plenty of criticism from religious groups and social workers.

"We must do everything we can to uphold the values and the stability of" marriage and family, Hong Kong Catholic Diocese reverend Lawrence Lee told AFP.

A Hong Kong Family Planning Association spokeswoman told AFP: "Infidelity in any form of clandestine extramarital affair without the partner's knowledge or consent may hurt the marital relationship and ultimately undermine family integrity".

Hong Kong has one of the world's lowest fertility rates, which experts say is driven by financial pressures in a city of extremely high property prices.

Hong Kongers also have a reputation as some of the least active lovers in Asia, ranking low in informal surveys of sexual frequency by British condom manufacturer Durex.

Over 640,000 people from China tried to access Ashley Madison in the past year before it was available, showing "a lot of pent-up demand" in the country, Biderman said.

"Bottom line is, people have affairs, they're having affairs because they don't want to leave the family," he said.

### Spain surgery waiting lists 'longest on record'

MADRID (AFP) - Waiting lists for surgery in crisis-hit Spain's public hospitals were the longest on record in 2012 as emergency spending cuts hit home, government figures show.

Updated figures for December 2012 published over the weekend by the health ministry showed the average waiting time for a non-urgent operation was 100 days, up from 76 days in June of that year.

It was by far the longest waiting time and the sharpest rise since records began in 2004, the data showed.

The figures showed that 571,395 people were waiting

for operations in December 2012, up from 536,911 in June and from 459,885 in December 2011 when the current conservative government took power.

In December 2008, the first year of the financial crisis that has driven Spain into a double recession, the number of people waiting was 364,397 and the average waiting time 71 days.

The government last year imposed cuts to health budgets and staff numbers as part of a programme to save tens of billions of euros which it says will strengthen Spain's public finances.




-- The family of Zachary Reyna, a 12-year-old boy who was infected this month with the "brain-eating" amoeba *Naegleria fowleri*, is praying for a miracle despite deciding over the weekend to take the boy off life support and donate his organs. Doctors told family members on Saturday that the boy's brain isn't showing any activity. Friends believe the boy may have contracted the parasite from knee boarding in a LaBelle, Fla., residential canal.

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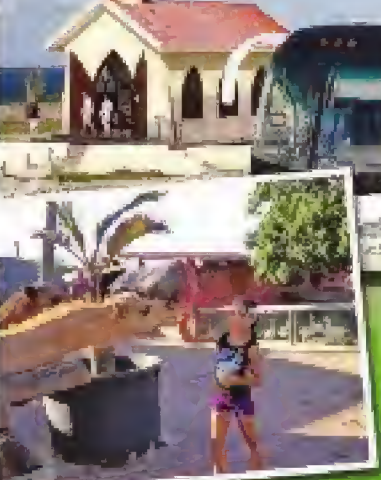




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## Sci-Tech

### Carlos Slim backs Telefonica's German ambitions

MADRID (AFP) - Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim's America Movil said Monday it is backing rival Spanish group Telefonica's sweetened takeover bid, valued at 8.55 billion euros (\$11.4 billion), for German mobile operator E-Plus.

Slim's support is crucial because his America Movil holds the largest single stake of 29.77 percent in the parent of E-Plus, leading Dutch telecommunications firm KPN.

The Mexican tycoon had withheld support for the initial July 23 offer for E-Plus by Telefonica, his rival in the Latin American market.

Equities analyst Soledad Pelion of the brokerage IG Markets said Slim had feared strengthening his rival but then relented, probably realising he could no longer block Telefonica's path.

"Telefonica has finally emerged the winner," she said.

E-Plus parent KPN said it would receive 5.0 billion euros in cash and a 20.5-percent stake in Telefonica Deutschland after the transaction, up from a previous offer of 5.0 billion euros and a 17.6-percent stake.

The implied transaction value of the takeover of E-Plus had improved to a total of 8.55 billion euros from 8.1 billion euros previously, according to both KPN and America Movil.

America Movil built up its stake in KPN during a partially successful takeover offer, which

it said it "remains committed" to push through.

"America Movil believes that by acquiring a majority stake in KPN, both companies can benefit from greater operational cooperation and coordination facilitating the realisation of further synergies, including in areas such as procurement, technology, marketing and operational excellence," it said in a statement.

America Movil had given an "irrevocable commitment" to vote in favour of the Telefonica bid for E-Plus in a KPN shareholders meeting to be held October 2, KPN said in a separate statement.

Telefonica hailed the deal struck with America Movil, saying the ensuing takeover of E-Plus would unlock 5.0-5.5 billion euros in synergies with its German subsidiary.

"With this agreement, Telefonica comes closer to the objectives announced at the end of July in reference to becoming Europe's second largest operator," the Spanish group said in a statement.

If approved by regulators and shareholders in KPN and Telefonica's German subsidiary Telefonica Deutschland, the takeover would create a major player in Germany with 43 million mobile customer and combined revenues of 8.6 billion euros, it said.

## Portugal calls for more help to tackle deadly forest fires



LISBON (AFP) - Portugal appealed for further international aid Monday to tackle forest fires raging in the country's north and centre, with 30-metre flames towering over villagers in some areas.

The fires continued unabated after claiming the life

of a female firefighter last week, despite French and Spanish jets dropping water on the affected regions.

A week without a break was taking its toll on firefighters in Tondela, central Portugal. "We sometimes forget to eat," fire chief Carlos Dias

told the Jornal de Noticias newspaper.

Miguel Cruz, spokesman for the Civil Protection Authority, said the fires were likely to subside from Wednesday as temperatures fell, but called on France to extend its help.

"We had... an average of 250 to 300 fires a day in inaccessible places, often simultaneously, with a low rate of humidity and strong winds," Cruz said.

In the town of Feitalinho, central Portugal, 400 firefighters and two French planes tackled a blaze Monday, while 500 more took on fires in the north and centre of Portugal.

Two Spanish bombardiers deployed to help put out the fires returned home at the end of last week, and were replaced by the French planes.



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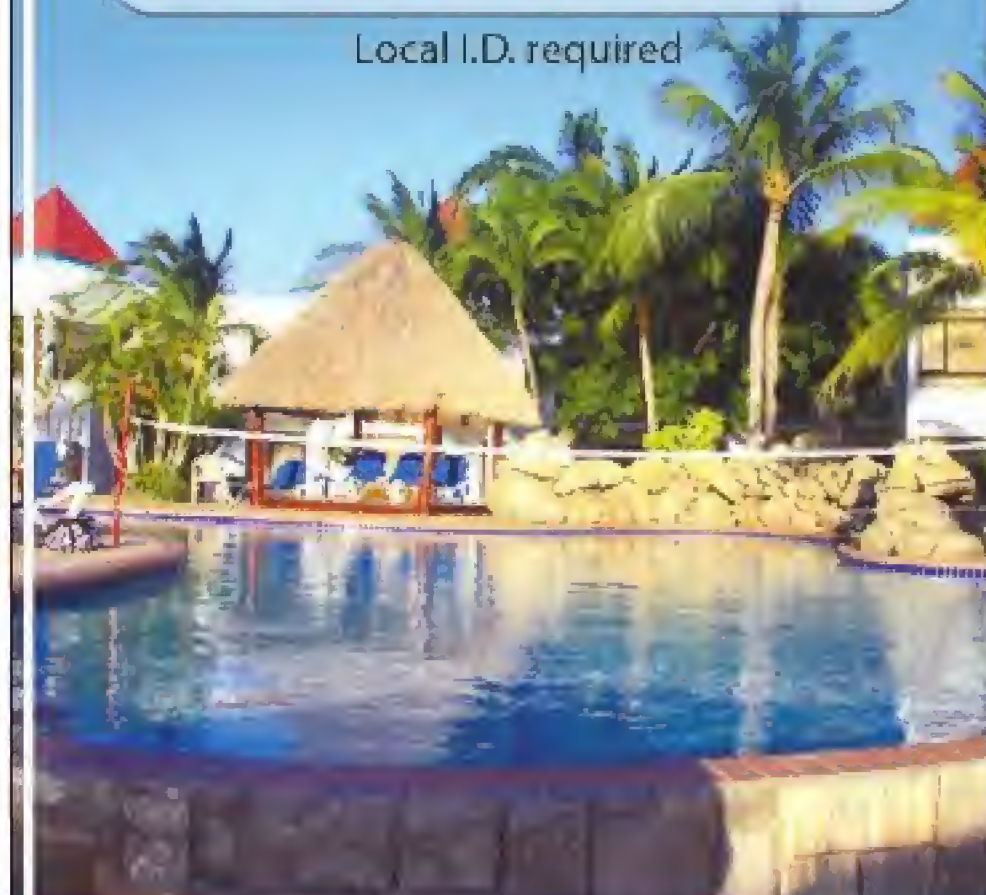
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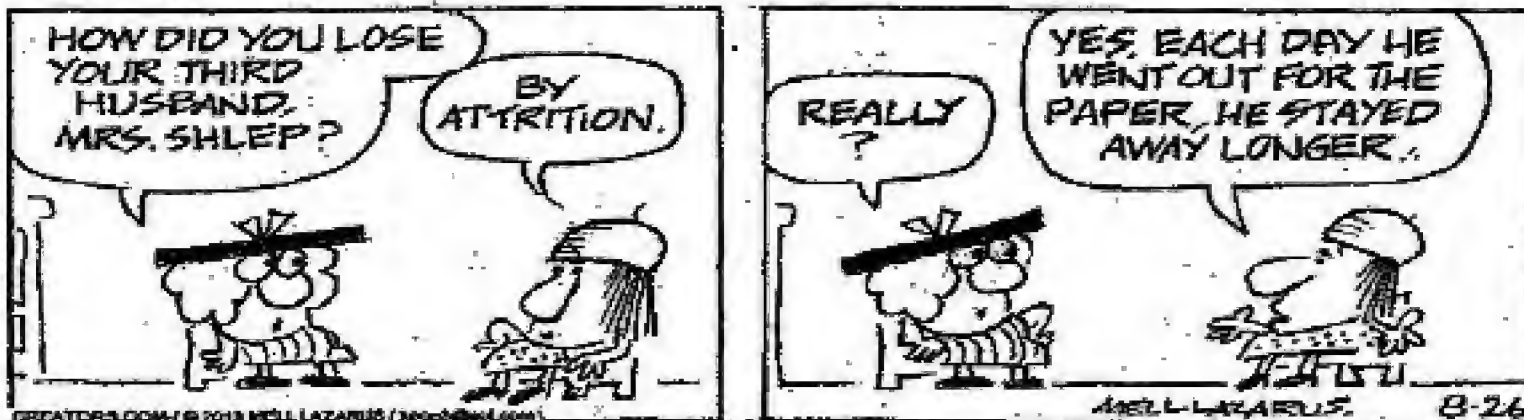


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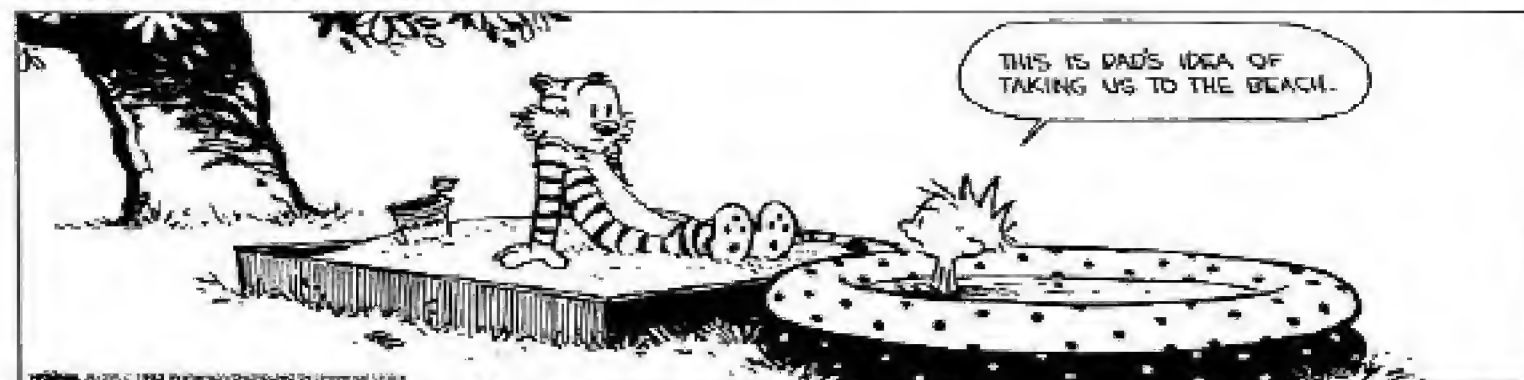
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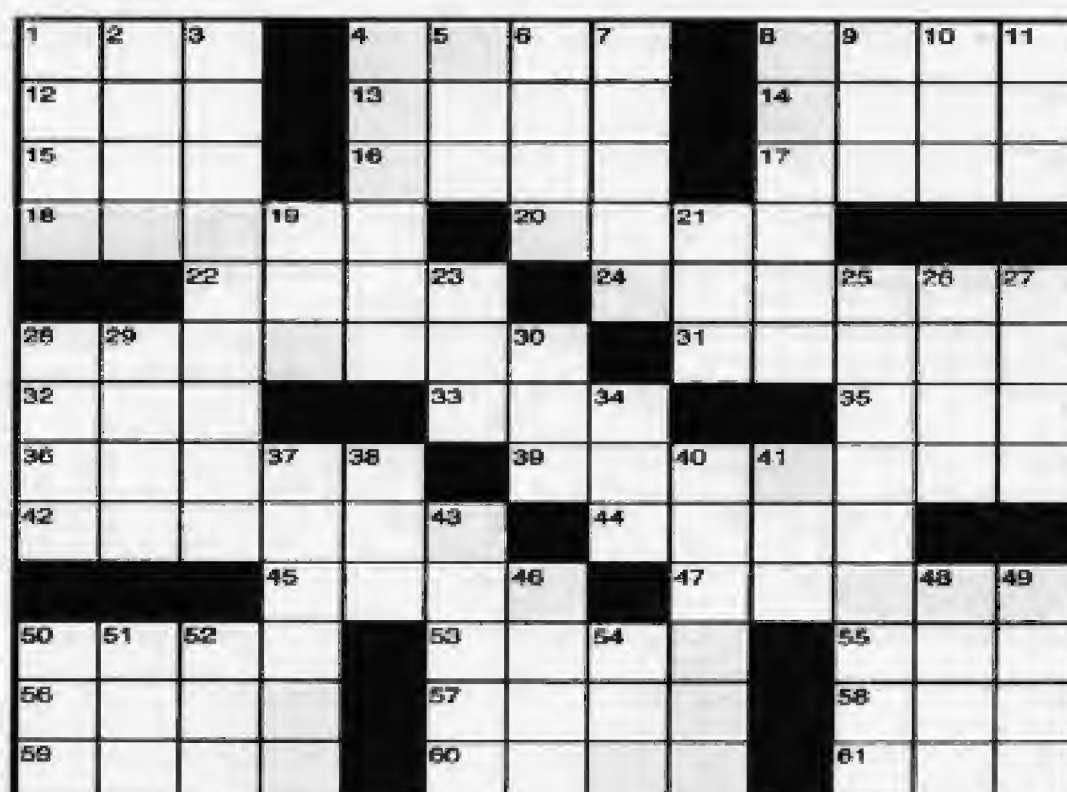


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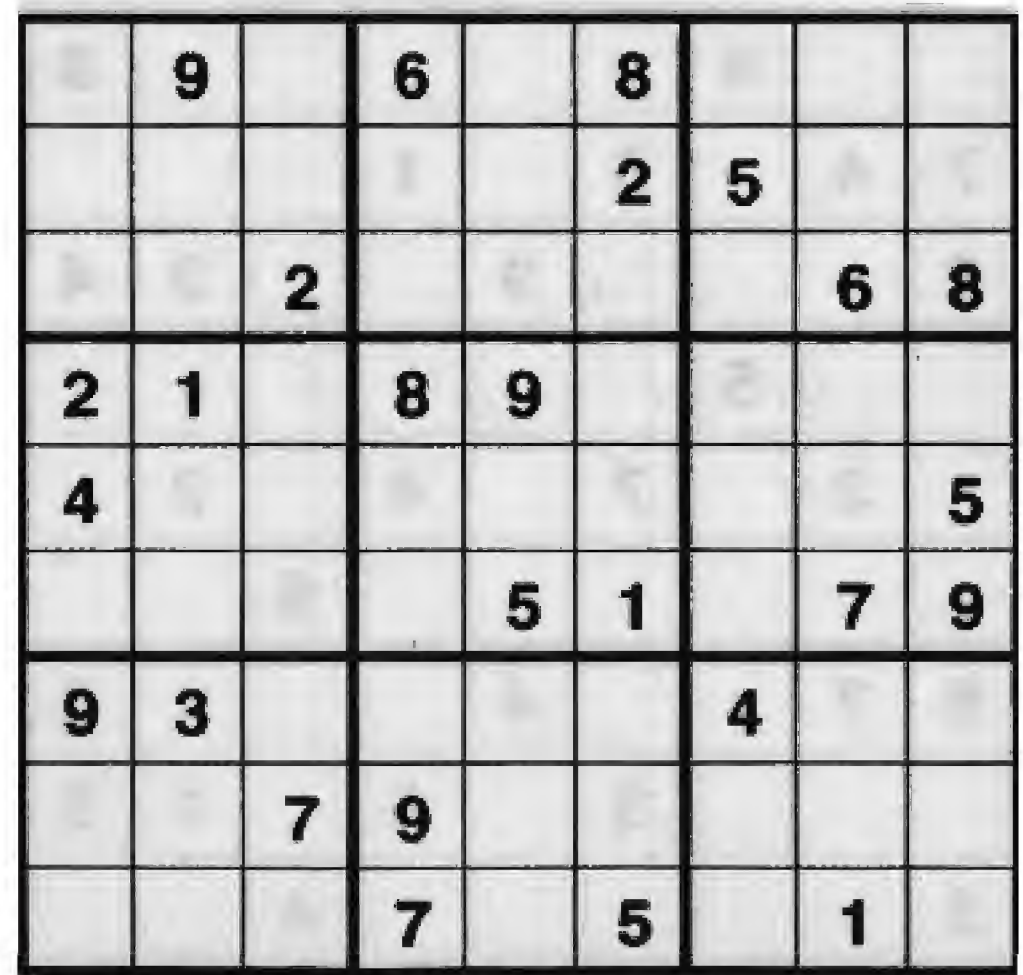
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## Finance

# Treasury: US to hit debt ceiling in mid-October

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US will hit its statutory debt ceiling in mid-October, raising the chance that the government will be forced to default on its debts, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said Monday.

In a letter to Congress, Lew urged legislators to raise the limit from the current \$16.7 trillion, saying to not do so "would cause irreparable harm to the American economy."

The Treasury has been operating under the ceiling since it reached that level on May 17, helped by "extraordinary measures" to manage expenditures, and a surge in tax receipts above forecasts.

However, Lew said, the latest estimates point to that breathing room being exhausted around the middle of October.

"At that point, the United States will have reached the limit of its borrowing authority, and Treasury would be left to fund the government with only the cash we have on hand on any given day."

That "would place the

United States in an unacceptable position," Lew said, unable to serve rising commitments to issue payments for health and retirement needs and not able to pay the required salaries.

Moreover, he warned, if investor demand for US government debt declines, the country could face an immediate cash shortfall.

"Indeed, such a scenario could undermine financial markets and result in significant disruptions to our economy."

Lew said it was not possible to pinpoint the exact day Treasury commitments would exceed its funds. But, he said, "Under any circumstance... Congress must act before the middle of October."

Lew's comments were in a letter addressed to John Boehner, the Republican speaker of the House of Representatives.

It came as the White House and both parties in Congress gird for yet another battle over spending that will conflate the debt ceiling and the US

budget.

In repeated battles over the past two years Republicans have stalled increases in the debt ceiling to extract commitments to cut spending from President Obama's Democrats.

The fight in July-August 2011 took the country to the brink, poised between defaulting on obligations to US citizens or defaulting on foreign debt. While that fate was averted in a last-minute deal, the budget fight was not resolved and Standard & Poor's dealt the country the first-ever downgrade of its top-flight debt rating.

Lew evoked that scenario again in his letter to Boehner.

Protecting the full faith and credit of the United States is the responsibility of Congress because only Congress can extend the nation's borrowing authority," he said. "Congress should act as soon as possible to protect America's good credit by extending normal borrowing authority well before any risk of default becomes imminent."



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## India's Gandhi tackles hunger with cheap food scheme



INDIA, KOLKATA : AFP photo shows an Indian vendor arranging grain for display at his roadside shop in Kolkata. India's ruling party chief Sonia Gandhi urged lawmakers to support a new 18-billion-dollar scheme to provide cheap food to the poor, saying it would help banish hunger from the country.

## World tourism shows surprise surge

MADRID (AFP) - International tourist numbers surged by 5.2 percent to nearly half a billion people worldwide in the first half of 2013, beating earlier expectations, the United Nations World Tourism Organisation said yesterday.

Some 494 million international tourists spent at least one night abroad in the first six months of the year, the Madrid-based agency said in a report of preliminary results for the period.

As a result of the "robust" performance, the WTO said it was boosting its 2013 forecast. After originally tipping growth of three to four percent for the whole year, it now expects the increase to be at the higher end of that range "or to slightly exceed it".

Europe enjoyed growth of 5.1 percent in international

tourist numbers in the six months, it said.

The Asia-Pacific region reported growth of 6.2 percent including an 11.6 percent surge in tourists going to Southeast Asia.

But results were weaker than anticipated in the Americas, which posted growth of just 2.2 percent.

International tourist numbers grew 3.1 percent in North America, but South America reported growth of just 0.3 percent and the Caribbean had growth of a meagre 0.1 percent.

In Africa, international tourist arrivals rose by 3.8 percent.

In the Middle East, tourist numbers soared by 12.9 percent, but these figures should be viewed "with caution" because of uneven results and limited data, the report said.



UNITED STATES, Tioga : AFP photo shows the Hess Gas Plant in Tioga, North Dakota, a facility that is currently being expanded. Formerly Amarada Hess, the global company adopted "Hess Corporation" in 2007. The name is synonymous with oil development in North Dakota, as it was Hess who first discovered oil in this state in 1951 at a well not far from this now bustling community. When the expansion is finished, the amount of liquids processed will increase from 260,000 gallons daily to 2.5 million gallons per day. The breakdown will be 50 percent ethane, 30 percent propane, 15 percent butane and five percent natural gasoline.



## Justin Timberlake and N Sync shine at MTV awards event



Justin Timberlake and N' Sync. performing

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Justin Timberlake stole the show late Sunday at the MTV Video Music Awards ceremony, singing several of his top hits and surprising fans with reunion of his old band N Sync.

Timberlake, wildly cheered and applauded by the crowd packed into the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, received the night's most important prize -- the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard award for career achievements. He also won the Video of the Year award for the song "Mirrors."

Timberlake wowed his fans by singing a medley of his



Former "Hannah Montana" star Miley Cyrus, performing together with Robin Thicke.

best-known tunes, including "SexyBack," "Cry me a River," "Senorita," "Suit and Tie," and "Rock your Body" -- then the four members of his former group joined him to perform two of N Sync's best-known hits, "Girlfriend" and "Bye Bye Bye." The 1990s hit boy band broke up in 2002.

The packed arena was thrilled, and stars like Lady Gaga, Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez stood and danced at

event included Kanye West, Jennifer Hudson, Bruno Mars, and Lady Gaga. Katy Perry sang from a mock boxing ring set up under the Brooklyn bridge.

Former "Hannah Montana" star Miley Cyrus, clearly aiming to show that she was beyond the days of the Disney TV show, sang her summer hit "We Can't Stop" in a tight leopard, thrusting out her tongue and waving her microphone near her crotch.

She then stripped down to what appeared to be her underwear and remained on the



their seats.

"I don't deserve this award but I'm not going to give it back," Timberlake said as he accepted the prize.

Late night TV comedian Jimmy Fallon, who hosted the ceremony, described Timberlake as a "legend" and dubbed him the "President of Pop."

Singer Bruno Mars won an award for Best Male Video for his hit "Locked Out of Heaven," while country/pop diva Taylor Swift won the Best Female Video award for her song "I Knew You Were Trouble."

"I want to thank the person who inspired this song, who knows exactly who he is, because now I've got one of these," she said as she accepted the award.

The TV cameras then focused on Swift's ex-boyfriend Harry Styles, a member of the British hit boy band One Direction.

The award for Best Pop Video went to Swift's gal pal Selena Gomez -- delivered to her by the five One Direction boys -- for the visuals to her song "Come & Get It."

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis took home an award for Best Video with a Social Message -- "Same Love" -- about legalizing same-sex marriage.

Stars that performed at the

stage, gyrating her hips and using a large foam hand as a sex prop, for a raunchy performance of "Blurred Lines" along with singer Robin Thicke.

Lady Gaga opened the show with her new single "Applause," and changed into outlandish costumes before ending in a bikini of giant seashells which she wore for the rest of the night.

The first MTV awards were handed out in 1984. Winners receive a statuette of an astronaut on the moon, known as a "Moonman" award.

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## Woman's prison drama-comedy a smash hit in US



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A television series by streaming video service Netflix about a middle-class white woman learning to get by in a women's prison has slowly and quietly become a smash hit in America.

"Orange Is the New Black" -- a "dramedy" based on a best-selling autobiography with the same title -- has earned gushingly positive reviews, with Rolling Stone magazine praising it as "utterly brilliant."

Esquire magazine says it is the best new television show right now and "reveals the possibilities of a new form, perhaps a new genre."

The series depicts the inter-

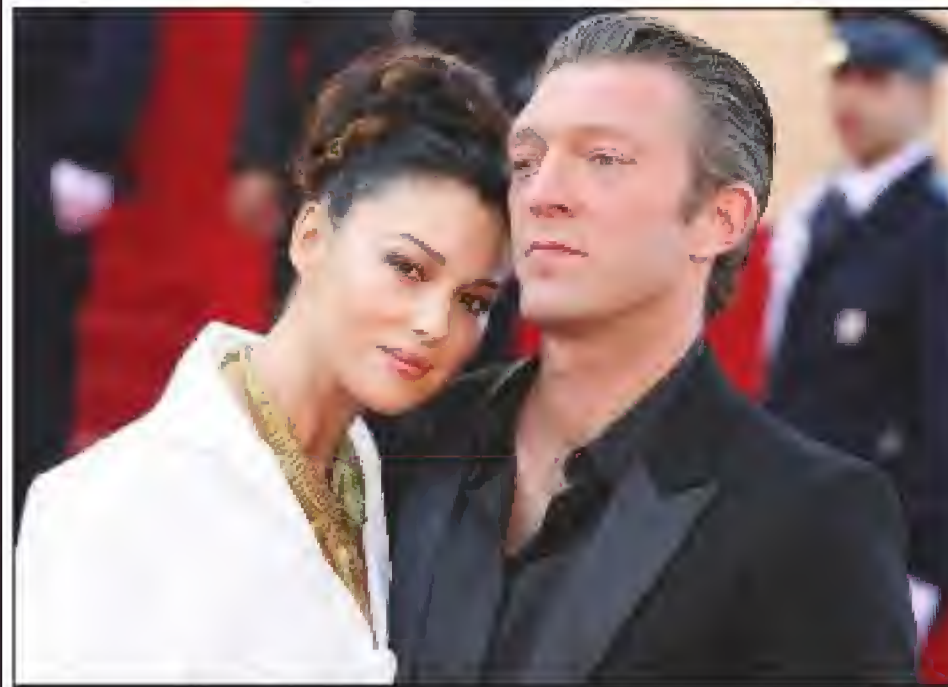
actions and conflicts of blacks, Latinas, whites and Asians forced to live together in prison.

"Orange" saw its debut last month without the hype that has accompanied other original series created by Netflix such as "House of Cards" starring Kevin Spacey, or "Arrested Development", which already had a solid fan base thanks to previous seasons on Fox.

Both made history in July by becoming the first online series to earn nominations for the Emmys, the US television awards. "House of Cards" is nominated in nine categories and "Arrested Development" in three.

## Actors Cassel, Bellucci split after 14 years of marriage

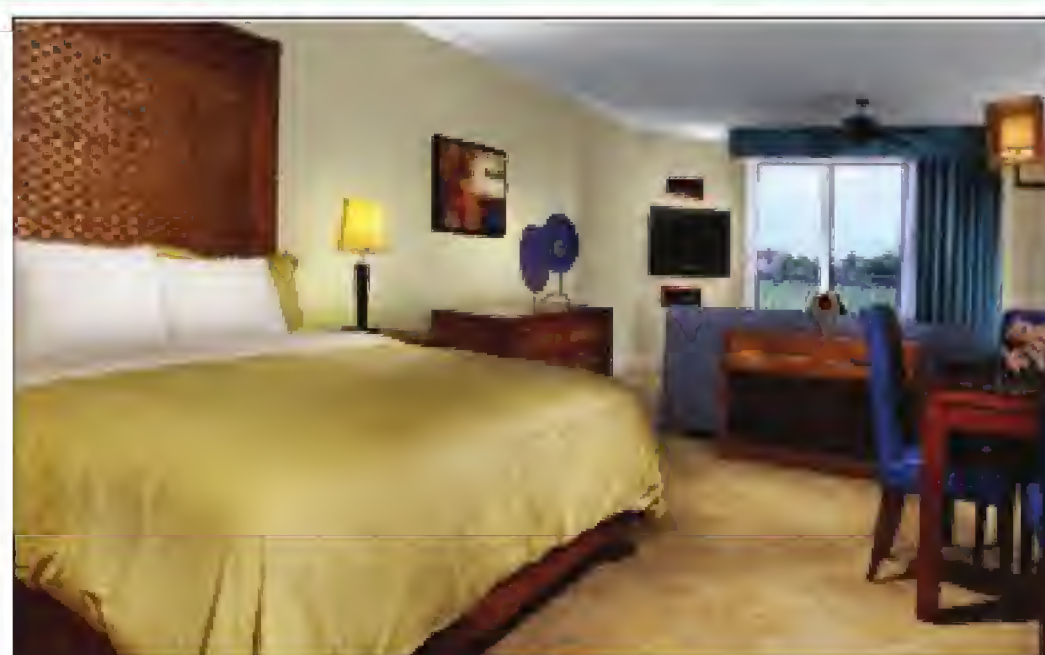
PARIS (AFP) - Actors Monica Bellucci and Vincent Cassel, one of the film industry's most famous couples, announced Monday they had separated after 14 years of marriage. The pair met while filming French film "The Apartment" in 1996. They married several years later and had two daughters: Deva, 8, and Leonie, 3. Bellucci, from Italy, has appeared in several Hollywood films including "Matrix Reloaded" and Terry Gilliam's "The Brothers Grimm". Cassel shot to fame with his role as a troubled young man from the Parisian suburbs in the critically acclaimed "La Haine". He is also known



for his roles in popular American films such as "Ocean's Twelve" and "Black Swan". Both actors said they had split by 'mutual agreement'. The actress and ex model, proclaimed as one of the most beautiful woman of the world is currently in Serbia working on her next film with Emir Kusturica. This is the second marriage to end in heartbreak for Bellucci who was married to Italian photographer Claudio Basso for four years, before divorcing him in 1994.



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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



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dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8

a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on, after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,

Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

**5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches!** Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality, it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.



## SPORTS



--We are en route to the world of football Brazil, 2014. Today we'll give a little history of the best defenders of all time. Continuing with the list of the 20 best players are two talented and skilled defenders which contributed greatly to their national team.

**Ruddy Lilian Thuram-Ulian** (Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe, January 1, 1972) is a former French footballer. He played as a central defender and full back.

He debuted in the football team France on May 22, 1994 against the Czech Republic. Has been international in World Cup 1998 (champion), 2002 and 2006 (finalist). It is the player who has played more games with the selection gala in history, scoring two goals. As a curiosity, note that its only two goals were scored in the same game, was in the 1998 World Cup semifinal, which served for France beat Croatia 2-1 and reach the final, which later would win against Brazil. Also, was champion at Euro 2000 held in Belgium and Holland Clubs

Monaco (was proclaimed league champion in 1996, and twice French Cup Champion in 1994 and 1996.) Parma (Coppa Italia and the UEFA Cup in 1999.) Juventus (won two Serie A titles, also came to the end of the UEFA Champi-

ons League) Barcelona (Supercopa of Spain in 2006)



**Chumpitaz Hector Eduardo Gonzalez** (Cafete, Cafete Province, Peru, April 12, 1944), former Peruvian footballer. Considered by FIFA one of the best American defenders of the twentieth century is also one of the leading exponents of Peruvian football history. Ranked 36th in the ranking of the Best century South American player published by IFFHS in 2004. Currently has 67.

Personified the typical temple players who do not lower their arms ever, was for nearly twenty years the captain and

great defensive bastion of the Peruvian team that won the Copa America in 1975, reached the quarter-finals at the world championships in Mexico '70 and Argentina qualified for the '78 and '82 world Spain.

Chumpitaz was a great score, good with the ball, great pitching, with good vision, precision passing and owner of a great power in the firing of medium and long distance, which gave rise to the term "chumpigolazo" among fans Peruvians. With 65 goals in 456 appearances is one of the

defenses more scorers of South America and serves on the TOP 50 of the top scorers in the history of Premier League defender playing 2004 published by IFFHS

With the Peruvian party stood as he had to play. In total accumulated 106 games representing his country between 1965 and 1981, which integrates well the select group of players who donned the national jersey at least 100 times. It was the Great Captain of Peruvian soccer, an unforgettable for all those who enjoyed seeing him play.

## Tennis: Qualifier Evans stuns Nishikori, Venus hits 60 in style

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - British qualifier Daniel Evans stunned 12th seeded Kei Nishikori at the US Open Monday as Venus Williams celebrated her 60th major by sporting bright purple hair and a striking triumph and a striking triumph and a striking triumph.

As the first day of the final Grand Slam of the season got underway at Flushing Meadows, world number 179 Evans, making his debut after coming through qualifying, swept past Nishikori, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Nishikori, who made the third round last year, committed 38 unforced errors.

The 23-year-old Evans had never won a main draw match at the Grand Slams until Monday and his reward is a second-round clash against Australia's Bernard Tomic, who needed

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## Football: Benzema winner helps Real grind out Granada win



Granada's goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez (L) vies with Real Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema (C)

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid made it two wins from two games under Carlo Ancelotti with a 1-0 victory at Granada, but Los Blancos were again made to work for the three points.

Rumours of Gareth Bale's impending arrival in Madrid had somewhat overshadowed the build-up to the game, but the visitors didn't appear distracted as Karim Benzema opened the scoring after just 10 minutes.

Mesut Ozil then had a goal ruled out and Isco struck the post after the break as Madrid continued to have the lion's share of the chances.

Real boss Carlo Ancelotti's

decision to keep faith with Diego Lopez in goal ahead of Spanish captain Iker Casillas was the big news before kick-off, but the Italian picked a very attack-minded line-up with Angel Di Maria coming in for the injured Sami Khedira and the former Milan boss was rewarded with a very bright start by his side.

Ronaldo also had a decent opening 13 minutes from time but could only fire straight at Roberto as his search for his first goal of the season continued.

Madrid held on to join Barcelona, Atletico Madrid, Athletic Bilbao and Villarreal at the top of the table with full points from two games.



five sets to see off Albert Ramos of Spain.

Monday's win guaranteed Evans at least \$53,000 -- \$10,000 more than he's made in all of 2013 so far.

Venus Williams, the back-to-back champion in 2000 and 2001 and the second oldest woman in the draw at 33, started her 60th Grand Slam

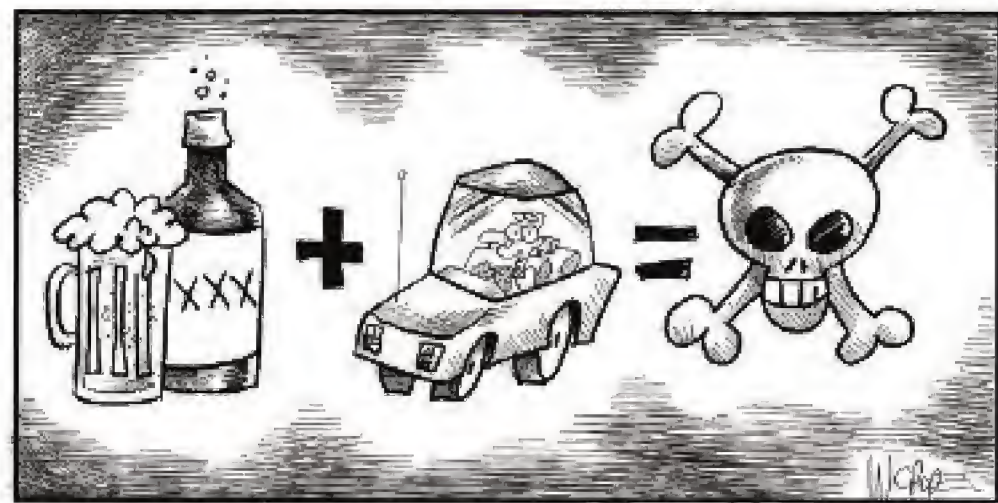
and 15th US Open with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Belgian 12th seed Kirsten Flipkens, a semi-finalist at Wimbledon.

The American improved to 15-0 in US Open openers by beating Flipkens.

Polish third seed Agnieszka Radwanska, who has never got beyond the last-16, eased past Silvia Soler-Espinosa 6-1, 6-2 and next faces another Spaniard, Maria Teresa Torro-Flor.

Chinese fifth seed Li Na also reached the second round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Olga Govortsova of Belarus.

Britain's Laura Robson, the first British woman to be seeded at a major for 26 years, won nine games in succession to beat Spanish veteran Lourdes Dominguez Lino, 7-5, 6-0.







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## US Open: Nadal cruises into second round at US Open

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Rafael Nadal took his 2013 hardcourt record to 16-0 on Monday as he swept into the US Open second round.

Nadal, the second seeded 2010 champion who watched the 2012 US Open from his home in Spain as he endured a seven-month injury layoff, breezed to a 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 win over American wildcard Ryan Harrison.

The 27-year-old Spaniard has captured nine trophies since his return from injury in February, building up a 54-3 record in the process, and he

came into New York having won back-to-back Masters titles at Montreal and Cincinnati, comfortably erasing his shock first-round exit at Wimbledon.

"It's a special emotion to be back in New York. It's a special atmosphere," said Nadal, who next tackles either Canada's Vasek Pospisil or Brazilian qualifier Rogerio Dutra Silva.

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### MLB Standings

#### American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	77	55	.583	-
TAMPA	74	54	.578	1.0
BALTIMORE	70	59	.543	5.5
YANKEES	69	61	.531	7.0
TORONTO	58	73	.443	18.5

#### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	78	52	.600	-
WASHINGTON	65	65	.500	13.0
PHILADELPHIA	59	71	.454	19.0
NY METS	58	70	.453	19.0
MIAMI	49	80	.380	28.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	77	55	.592	-
CLEVELAND	71	57	.556	6.0
KANSAS	65	64	.504	11.5
MINNESOTA	57	72	.442	19.5
CHICAGO	54	75	.419	22.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
PITTSBURGH	76	54	.585	-
ST. LOUIS	76	54	.585	-
CINCINNATI	74	57	.565	2.5
MILWAUKEE	57	73	.438	19.0
CHICAGO	55	75	.423	21.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	75	54	.577	-
OAKLAND	72	57	.558	2.5
SEATTLE	59	70	.457	15.5
LA ANGELES	58	71	.450	16.5
HOUSTON	43	86	.333	31.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	76	54	.585	-
ARIZONA	66	63	.512	9.5
COLORADO	61	71	.462	16.0
SAN DIEGO	58	71	.454	17.0
SAN FRANCISCO	58	72	.446	18.0

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

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### NFL: Week end Preseason results (week 3)

#### Friday 23 2013

Seahawks 17 - Packers 10

Bears 34 - Raiders 26

#### Saturday 24 2013

Bills 07 - Redskins 30

Browns 06 - Colts 27

Jets 24 - Giants 21

Buccaneers 17 - Dolphins 16

Chiefs 26 - Steelers 20

Eagles 31 - Jaguars 24

Falcons 16 - Titans 27

Rams 26 - Broncos 27

Bengals 18 - Cowboys 24

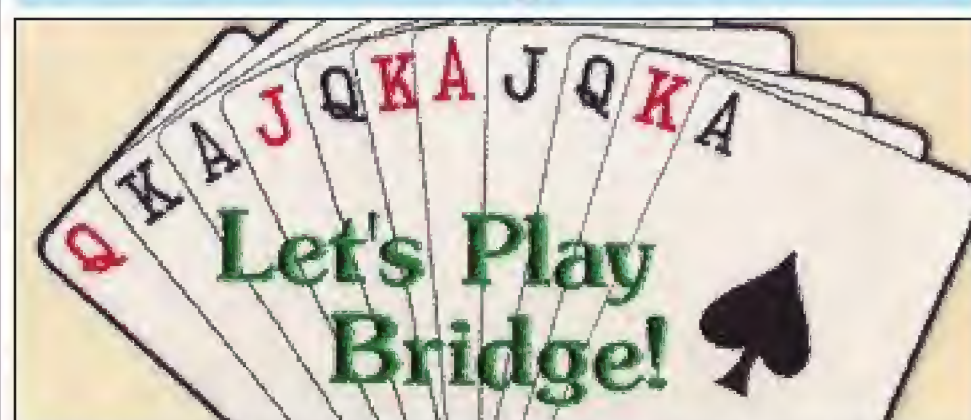
Chargers 24 - Cardinals 07

#### Sunday 25 2013

Saints 31 - Texans 23

Vikings 14 - 49ers 34

### Results Bridge Sessions Aloha Bridge Club Aruba



#### Thursday morning, August 22' 2013

-- A total of 9 pairs joined the bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort. The following guest players joined the group:

Ed Bauman and Jim Doig -

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

- 1- Nelly Aal and Gerrie Meenhorst - 68.12%
- 2- Annette Ybeles Smit and Geke In 't Veld - 55.07%
- 3- Ed Bauman and Jim Doig - 55.00 %
- 4- Marleen van Baarlen and Jaenette Schoemaker - 53.51%

On Friday 23rd the session was cancelled. Aloha Bridge Club meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Fee for guest players \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers, tel.: 582-4953. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time.



## Tennis: Blake to retire after US Open



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - James Blake, who snuck into the US Open as a youth by crawling under a fence, said Monday that he will end his 14-year career at his hometown Grand Slam event.

The 33-year-old right-hander announced his retirement from the conclusion of the US Open, which began Monday on the Flushing Meadows hardcourts where Blake reached his first Slam quarter-finals in 2005 and 2006.

And even after a tearful farewell announcement, he apologized for sneaking in so often all those years ago.

The former world number four, now fallen to 100th in the rankings, won 10 career ATP titles, the first in 2002 at Washington and the last in 2007 in New Haven and Sydney. He never reached a Grand Slam semi-final.

Blake, who enters his final event with a 366-255 ATP record and a 60-41 showing in Grand Slams, opens against Croatian qualifier Ivo Karlovic and could face Swiss ninth seed Stanislas Wawrinka or Czech Radek Stepanek in the second round.

Blake lost to Roger Federer in the quarter-finals of the 2008 Australian Open and 2006 US Open, to Novak Djokovic in the 2008 Olympic bronze-medal match and to Andre Agassi in the 2005 US Open quarter-finals in a fifth-set tie-breaker after ousting Rafael Nadal in the third round.

Blake defeated 14th-ranked Jerzy Janowicz of Poland last week at Winston-Salem, a triumph that helped convince him that he could leave on his own terms even as he was a threat to some of the world's best.

Blake overcame scoliosis as a child that forced him to wear a back brace for 13 hours a day and a 2004 season where his father died, he suffered a severe back injury and was diagnosed with Zoster, a condition that dulled his hearing and vision and paralyzed part of his face.

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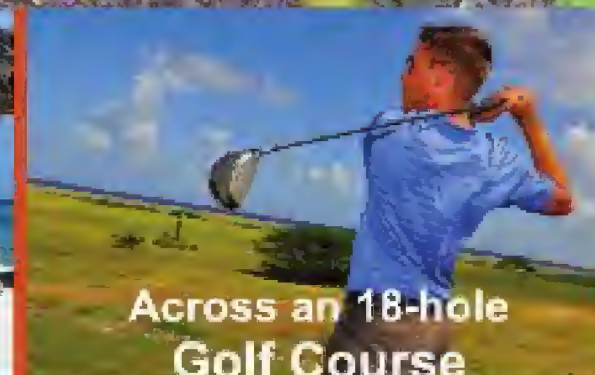
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## Baseball: Japan beats USA for Little League title

WILLIAMSPORT (AFP) - Ryusei Hirooka's two-run double in the bottom of the fifth inning lifted Japan over the USA 6-4 in the Little League World Series championship game Sunday.

Kazuki Ishida got the start for Japan and allowed four runs on five hits while striking out five over three innings. Kyousuke Kobayashi tossed two scoreless innings of relief to earn the victory.

Shunpei Takagi hits two solo home runs and scored three times for Japan, which claimed



its ninth Little League World Series title. Takuma Gomi had an RBI and scored a run.

Giancarlo Cortez knocked in two runs for the American team that came from Chula Vista, California.

Japan won the International championship with a 3-2 victory over Mexico on Saturday.

Earlier in the day, Miguel Artalejo belted a three-run homer to snap a fifth-inning tie as Mexico held on for a 15-14 win over Connecticut, USA in the consolation game of the Little League World Series.